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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Sharmila S. Gollamudi Art Unit: 1616
Re: Application of: Chih-Ming CHEN, et al.
 Serial No.: 09/435,576
 Filed: November 8, 1999
 For: **HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITOR
 EXTENDED RELEASE FORMULATION**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111 and
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW UNDER 37 CFR §1.133**

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 22, 2003

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as provided in the section below entitled "AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS." The "REMARKS" section of the present amendment includes the substance of the interview as required under 37 CFR §1.133.